

Executive Director Report  
May 26, 2011

Project Management/Facilitation

- Staff hosted meetings along with the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) staff regarding the consistency of the *Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Delta* (Management Plan) with the co-equal goals. There was a discussion of agriculture and ecosystem restoration and the co-equal goals.
- Following up on discussion at the March Commission meeting regarding input into the Delta Plan relative to the concept of establishing a regional agency for land use, flood control and emergency preparedness, staff met with DSC staff. Meetings were held with Executive Director Grindstaff and representatives from Delta counties on land use, flood control, and emergency preparedness. Input from the meetings was the basis of the proposed principles.

Because of the on-going discussions regarding establishing a regional agency and the possible need for the Management Plan to be consistent with the Delta Plan, further discussions on the need to modify the Management Plan to be consistent with the co-equal goals will be held in abeyance until completion of the Delta Plan.

- Staff worked with the Water Education Foundation in hosting a Delta recreation tour to assist State Parks Planning Division with the *Delta Recreation Plan* for inclusion in the Economic Sustainability Plan. Staff commented on the economic contribution of recreational tourism in the Delta.
- Staff presented to Restore the Delta relative to the National Heritage Area for the Delta.
- Staff presented an update to the State Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee regarding the Delta Economic Sustainability Plan, as part of a panel with Phil Isenberg, Campbell Ingram and Caren Trgovcich.

Public Affairs/Outreach

- Staff met with the Delta Stewardship Council interagency coordination team relative to the discussion of the third draft of the Delta Plan released April 22, 2011. Comments were also provided to the Chair.
- Delta Vision Foundation Executive Director met with Commission staff to assist in evaluating the implementation progress to date for the *Delta Vision Strategic Plan*.
- Staff attended and participated as a resource speaker at the Water Education Foundation Flood Tour on May 4-5, 2011, commented on the value of the Delta and range of impact to the Delta from the various proposals in the BDCP.

- Staff updated the Delta Conservancy on the Economic Sustainability Plan (ESP). Remarks were relative to the consultant team's approach, e.g. collecting data, conducting focus groups, stakeholder meetings, and outreach on the various components of the ESP.
- Staff participated as an event speaker at the Agriculture Leadership Water Tour. Comments were made regarding the Delta and its relationship to agriculture both in the Delta and South of the Delta, and also that there may not be enough water to meet the demand and that water policy needs to be California focused not region vs region.
- Staff participated as a panelist at the Association of California Water Agencies 2011 Spring Conference & Exhibition, "Shaping a New Political Landscape". The panel discussed the Delta Plan, BDCP and ability to meet instream as well as export needs.
- Staff participated in a panel discussion at California State Board of Food and Agriculture. The discussion was about the Delta Plan and input on agriculture.

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Administration

- Staff has been meeting and working closely with State Lands Commission, Department of Technology Services, and Department of General Services regarding the Commission move to West Sacramento. Estimated move in date is week of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Project Management/Facilitation

- The Economic Sustainability Plan (ESP) study is well underway. Key inputs to a first draft ESP will be working papers to be completed by late May.
- Delta Working Landscapes has picked up due to the drier weather. Over 67,000 plants have been planted along levee slopes and irrigation ditches in Clarksburg. Additionally, new project sites were selected north of Courtland and Hood for seasonal swales. Those projects will begin in July after winter wheat harvest.
- Staff facilitated a panel on the Great California Delta Trail at the 2011 California Trails and Greenways Conference in Contra Costa County.
- The Delta Protection Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting the second week of June. This will provide the Committee the opportunity to express their opinions and concerns with the Commission's 2012-2017 Strategic Plan.
- Staff presented to the Delta Chambers Board relative to the National Heritage Area feasibility study.
- Staff met with the Regional National Heritage Area Co-Coordinator of the National Park Service to discuss the Delta National Heritage Area feasibility study.

Public Affairs/Outreach

- Met with Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary to discuss CDFA report to be included in the Economic Sustainability Plan.
- Staff attended a Stewardship Council meeting to discuss the Second Draft of the Delta Plan.
- Met with KVIE, Channel 6 producer to discuss topics for the upcoming "Debating the Delta", of which the Executive Director will be a panel member.
- Staff attended the Delta Science Program on Historical Delta Habitat Landscapes.

- Met with Delta Chamber staff person to discuss collaborative efforts between the Commission and the Chamber to promote the Delta.
- Staff attended a Stakeholder meeting on the Delta Trail link being planned by East Bay Regional Parks District for Pittsburg-Bay Point.
- Staff served on the Delta Recreation Tour Advisory Committee to assist State Parks Planning Division with outreach support to organize a Delta Recreation Tour.
- Staff has calendared several meetings with the Delta Stewardship Council staff regarding consistency of the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Delta with co-equal goals; land use planning in the “Delta”; and flood control and emergency response.